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In the Application of:)	FEB 1 9 2003
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Serial No.: 09/721,096)	Group Art Unit: 1743
Filing Date: November 22, 2000 For: Removal Of Embedding Media From Biological Samples and Cell Condon Automated Staining Instruments	j	Confirmation No. 4217
Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231		
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Reply to October 15, 2002 Official Action with Appendix A and Appendix B
 - b) Petition for One Month Extension of Time
 - c) Return Receipt Postcard
- 2. With respect to additional fees:
 - A. No additional fee is required.
 - \underline{X} B. Attached is a check in the amount of \$ $\underline{110.00}$
- 3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- 4. X CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8 (FIRST CLASS MAIL): The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the document(s) as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 7, 2003.

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